

What equipment will my child need?

Soccer is a simple sport with very little equipment being required. *The only thing your child must have is a team shirt, which is provided by the league, and shin guards.* Two area retail outlets, Wal-Mart Supercenter and The Sport Shop (located in the Marshfield Center on Spur Drive behind Taco Bell, 859-5490), offer the equipment listed below:

- All participants *must* wear shin guards.
- Participants who require vision correction are strongly encouraged to wear safety glasses.
- Black soccer shorts and socks are suggested for all players.
- Participants should wear a good pair of running-style shoes. Your child may wear soccer cleats, but no other style cleats will be allowed without league approval.
- Each child should have a personal soccer ball, which should be brought to all practices.



THE PLAYER'S CODE

- **Play the game for the game's sake.**
- **Be generous when you win.**
- **Be graceful when you lose.**
- **Be fair always no matter what the cost.**
- **Obey the laws of the game.**
- **Work for the good of your team.**
- **Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.**
- **Believe in the honesty of your opponents.**
- **Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.**

OTHER INFORMATION

COACH MEETING

Coaches should plan to attend this informational meeting, designed for both the returning coach and the new coach.

Sept. 4, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Marshfield City Hall

TEAM PICTURES

Team pictures will be taken at the soccer fields at a time determined by your coach and the photographer.

The photographer will be in touch with you before your first game.

**MARSHFIELD
YOUTH SOCCER
PROGRAM**

'Making Goals Come True!'



Welcome!

Thank you for your decision to allow your child to play soccer in the City of Marshfield Youth Soccer League. We hope the experience will teach your child responsibility and teamwork, and create an enthusiasm for the game.

If you're new to the Marshfield Youth Soccer Program, we welcome you. And if your child has played in the past, you know you're in for another exciting season. We hope you have an enjoyable experience and always welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Youth League Information

The Marshfield Youth Soccer League is a recreational league. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at the Rotary Park in Marshfield (next to City Hall). Children will be divided into teams by league officials, according to age groups. The formation of the oldest league is subject to adequate enrollment numbers.

Play will begin on Sept. 13, and continue for six weeks (ending Oct. 18). Teams will be identified by colors. *Team rosters, schedules and other information will be distributed to coaches at the coaches meeting on Sept. 4. For those coaches that cannot attend the clinic, information will be distributed by mail or coaches may pick up information at City Hall.* Following receipt of schedules and rosters, coaches should then contact players to set up the first practice. One practice per week is suggested. Practices should be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, after school has dismissed for the day.

Each parent should be asked to provide refreshments for half time, and beverages such as juice or sports drinks for after the game for all team members at least once during the season. Coaches should determine this schedule.

Player shirts will be distributed to coaches prior to the first game. All players will receive participation awards at the end of the season.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

1. Children move up to a different age group in the spring only, and will remain on the same team in the fall **UNLESS** a parent requests a move due to a coach conflict. Requests to play with a specific coach, player or team will not be guaranteed (see item 2).
2. The child of a coach will be placed on his or her team, and siblings which fall into the same age bracket will be placed on the same team. **NO OTHER REQUESTS, FOR ANY REASON, WILL BE GUARANTEED.** Once team rosters have been made, we will not move players to different teams. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
3. A child may move to the next league only if he or she is within one year of the lower part of the age bracket. No child may play in a league below his or her age level.
4. COST: \$30.00 per child (\$35.00 non-resident). A late charge of \$5.00 will be charged starting Aug. 28 (no exceptions allowed). **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**
5. Play starts Sept. 13. Games will be played on Saturday mornings, and depending on the number of teams, may be scheduled in the afternoon. **Your coach will contact you after Sept. 5 to tell you when your child will be practicing.** Practice days and times are determined by the coaches, upon consultation with team parents. ***Please do not contact City Hall before Sept. 7 to find out your assigned coach.***
6. If you sign up for the season after Aug. 28, you are responsible for contacting your coach.
7. **Age groups are subject to change following registration.**
8. *The required number of players on the field may be reduced at the discretion of the referee. If a team is short more than three players, the game will be forfeited, although the referee will remain on the field for a scrimmage game if the scheduled teams want to play. A team may use pick-up players (no more than two) from the same league or the league below provided that the player is within one year of play in the next league.*

The game of soccer...

The game of soccer is designed around the scoring of goals, with the team scoring the most goals winning the match. Two teams are placed on opposite sides of the field, with each team trying to score a “goal” by kicking the ball into the opponent’s net. Each goal is worth one point.

Every child will play in at least 50% of all games and participate in all aspects of practice.

For ages 3-5 (U6), quarters will be seven minutes in length. A size 3 soccer ball will be used. Seven players from each team will play (seven aside), including six players and a goalie.* Children in this age group must be born on or after July 1, 2001.

For ages 6-7 (U8), quarters will be nine minutes in length. A size 4 soccer ball will be used. Seven players from each team will play (seven aside), including six players and a goalie.* Children must be born between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2001.

For ages 8-10 (U11), halves will be 20 minutes in length. A size 5 soccer ball will be used. Seven players from each team will play (seven aside), including six players and a goalie.* Players must be born between Jan. 1, 1996, and June 30, 1999.

For ages 10-12 (U13) halves will be 25 minutes in length. A size 5 soccer ball will be used. Eight players from each team will play (eight aside), including seven players and a goalie.* Players must be born between July 1, 1992, and Dec. 31, 1996.

Why do I have to pay an out-of-town fee?

The City of Marshfield has a property tax that all of those living or owning land inside the incorporated city limits pay. Those that do not live inside the City limits—even those who live just one foot outside the City limits or those who live in the School District—do not pay this tax. This is the reason City residents are charged a fee lesser than those living outside the City limits. The additional permanent property tax to those living inside the incorporated City limits is 20-cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation. If a person owned a \$75,000 home inside the city limits, this would total \$28.50 per year in additional taxes (excludes special City property taxes). Residents also pay additional taxes on personal property. Residents must pay this tax every year—even if they do not use any park services. It is this revenue that has funded—and will continue to fund—parks and recreational services.

The official FIFA ‘Laws of the Game’ may be found on the FIFA official website (www.fifa.com) in both HTML and PDF formats.

The PDF link is as follows:

http://www.fifa.com/documents/static/regulations/FLOTG2005_e.pdf